Remarks

No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments, which have been made to

update the priority information shown in the specification, to delete the sequence listing from the

parent case, and to direct entry of the substitute sequence listing for the present application into

the appropriate location in the specification. Accordingly, entry of the foregoing amendments are

respectfully requested.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, the substitute sequence listing appended

hereto contains no new matter (beyond updating the current and prior application data), and the

paper and computer-readable copies of the substitute sequence listing filed herewith are the same.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for examination. If the

Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this

application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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